IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 31, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. WILSON made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 224.]

The Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia, to whom were refer-red papers in relation to the claim of Edward Ingersoll, having had the same under consideration, report :

Under the act making appropriations for the army, approved 3d March, 1853, a board of commissioners was appointed to examine the United States armories. While in the discharge of their duties at Springfield, in Massachusetts, Edward Ingersoll, the military store-keeper at that place, employed carriages for the use and convenience of the board, the expense of which, it was supposed, would be charged to their contingent account, which, including this item, was audited and passed by the board during their session. The appropriation to defray the expenses of this commission was not sufficient to cover them all, as the item of hack hire was stricken out of the estimate before it was sent to Congress, for the reason that it should be paid by the commissioners themselves.

Application was then made to the commissioners for the payment of the amount thus due, and for which Mr. Ingersoll was held respon-sible; but they failed to attend to it, and Mr. Ingersoll has been com-pelled, by course of law, to pay the judgment and costs against him, amounting to $335 75.

The committee are of the opinion that the commissioners should have paid this money ; Mr. Ingersoll's agency in the matter only ex-tended to making a bargain in order to obtain the use of carriages for the commissioners, at a reasonable price; but as the payment has fallen upon him, it is only fair that he should be reimbursed in the amount for which he was held accountable, and they report a bill for his relief.

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Mr. WRIGHT made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia, to whom have refer-
red papers in relation to the claim of Edmund Ingersoll, having had
the same under consideration, report:

Under the act making appropriations for the army, approved 2d
March, 1833, a board of commissioners was appointed to examine the
United States armories. While in the discharge of their duties as
keeper at that place, employed carriages for the use and convenience
of the board, the expense of which, it was supposed, would be charged
and passed by the board during their session. The appropriation to
defray the expenses of this commission was not sufficient to cover their
all, as the item of back hire was stricken out of the estimate before it
was sent to Congress, for the reason that it should be paid by the
commissioners themselves.

Application was then made to the commissioners for the payment
of the amount thus due, and for which Mr. Ingersoll was held respon-
sible, but they failed to attend to it, and Mr. Ingersoll has been com-
pelled, by course of law, to pay the judgment and costs against him,
amounting to $335 76.

The committee are of the opinion that the commissioners should
have paid this money: Mr. Ingersoll's agency in the matter only ex-
tended to making a bargain in order to obtain the use of carriages for
the commissioners, at a reasonable price; but as the payment has fallen
upon him, it is only fair that he should be reimbursed in the amount
for which he was held accountable, and they report a bill for his
relief.